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Odd things, you say, and I doubt your'e right, Round a seaman's neck this stormy night, imed Uncle John. Up in the yards aloft.

Most like it's folly ; but, mate, look here ; When first I went to sea. A woman stood on you far off strand,

With a wedding ring on the small, soft hand

Which clung so close to me. My wife-God bless her! The day before, She sat beside my foot; And the sunlight kissed her yellow hair, And the dainty fingers, deft and fair,

Knitted a baby's boot. The voyage was over ; I came ashore ; What, think you, found I there? A grave the daisies had sprinkled white, A cottage empty and dark as night,

And this beside the chair :

The little boot, 'twas unfimshed still ; The tangled skein lay near; But the knitter had gone away to rest, With the babe asleep on her quiet breast,

Down in the churchyard drear.

### WIT AND WISDOM.

-Cassell's Magazine

Kroughkaigh is the way they spell a po ılar game in Western Missouri.

Though an honest merchant is a plain lealer, a carpenter is a deal plainer.

A man at New Bedford, Mass., has re ceived a postal card bearing 1,607 words in

You can use a postage stamp twice. The first time it will cost you three cents, the second time fifty dollars.

may kiss his own wife, notwithstanding the objection of her father.

A New Haven man says the longest funeral he ever heard of took place a week ago, His hired girl went off to it and hasn't got

she merely goes over to her mother's and core

When a man has trouble he takes to drink,

you would have known, that of all evils we should choose the least.' An Elmira paper has this heading: "An

other Holocaust!" "Two Hundred People

struction of the whole lot by fire. Must when he dies." have been hot water in that river. A milk dealer who got his supply of an honest old farmer, on opening a can of milk found a large bull frog swimming around.

He sent word to the farmer that it his strainer was entirely to coarse. A Kentucky paper says: A man in Covjugton bought a postal card vesterday, wrote it in a stamped envelope, mailed it to a friend in Lexington. He thinks they are a

great convenience. A Cleveland copper inspector fell asleep in church, from which he was waked by the pastor's reading. "Surely there is a vein for the silver and place for the gold where home than a Kansas dug-out." they find it." Jumping to his feet he shook his book crying, "I'll take five hundred

Why are we led to infer that David and Joshua were intemperate men? Because David, when he went out to meet Goliah on but a good head and strong hands; and his change, or sell out." the field of honor, 'took a sling,' and Joshua, heart—well, he had never tried his head yet, previous to his attack on the walls of Jerico, took a horn,' and gave a regular blow."

A worthy widow who had been blessed with four husbands, hung up her photograph surrounded by the pictures of her four deof further ornament, placed a Sabbath him. school motto, reading, "The Lord will pro-

A gentleman whose memory is not quite so good as it used to be, when he has anything particular to remember next morning, makes the practice of turning one of the pictures in his bedroom with the face to the wall. He finds it very amusing next day trying to recollect what he turned it for.

A Connecticut man purchased a horse Near Depot, Bloomfield, N. J. neighbor, which, upon trial did not prove the kind he anticipated. Not caring to keep | ing ; but as years passed, he came to know the animal, he applied a dye to his hide that that she had been one of the few lent to made him a lovely black, and resold him to the aforesaid neighbor. The animal was subsequently sold to the first purchaser, his might become. It was the memory of her know "which man should sue the other."

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The law does not and will not after June 30th require full prepayment of post age on all printed matter. Transient or miscella neous matter must be fully prepaid at the mailing office. Regular publications, known as newspapers and periodicals, may be sent to subscribers now and after the 30th inst unpaid, and the postage collected quarterly either at the office of mailing or delivery. The requirement for full prepayment on transient printed matter is statutory, not departmental, and therefore cannot be abrogated by the Postmaster General. It is made the duty of all postmasters to collect all deficient postage at the office of delivery. whether upon letters or printed matter. tently transmitted in the mails. It is not shown that more is collected at the Washington office than is legally due, or more quantity delivered If any statement has been made that no

papers will be sent without prepayment, then a mistake has been made, for large numbers are sent daily to subscribers, as provided by law.

One cent will fully prepay on any daily or weekly of ordinary size, but it will not carry two such papers, nor will it carry the larger New York weekly or daily papers. - Wash Chronicle.

#### [FROM MOORE'S BURAL NEW-YORKER] A HOMELY STORY.

Hang it all ! there is no use in helping se who will not help themselves!" ex-

Now, "Hang it all !" was an uncommon pression for John West to use. If, in its dace, he had substituted "Indeed!" my pen would have been more ready to transcribe his thought. But this vulgar, meaningless sentence did escape his lips, and having expressed himself thus, he seemed

relieved-Uncle John had a favorite nephew, and this nephew had a wife. Uncle John was rich, and owned several fine farms. On young John's wedding day the uncle brought no gift of gold or silver or plated ware-"nothing; not so much as you could wind around your finger," the bride said that night when, far from home, the newlyevents of that eventful day. But when John returned from his wedding tour, Uncle John paid them a visit, and said quietly, as he was ready to leave:-"What are you going to do now, John ?"

"I think of taking Joel Benson's farm on shares for a year at least."

"You can do better than that; here is your wedding gift;" and placing some papers in his hands, he hastily left.

The papers were :- First, the deed of a valuable farm; with, second, a mortgage An Indiana court has decided that a man upon it (awaiting, of course, young John's approval and signature) of just half its value-said mortgage to be paid in small annual installments. The land was fine the house nearly new, and all the outbuildings in excellent condition.

The tears sprang to John's eyes as he but when a woman meets with a misfortune read it; he was sensitive to the very heart's

Pray, Jack, why did you marry such a his wife, when he showed the papers to her; the amount paid for the furnished chamber little wife?"." Why," said he, "I thought "now you can buy that new carriage and a silver-mounted harness. I shall want to go a great deal. He will never expect you to other half. pay anything more than the interest, and Thrown into a River "Holocaust means de- give the rest to you by-and-by; anyway, to his uncle that John was anxious to pos-

> Never!" exclaimed John, looking at her in amazement; "he has given me enough have asked his uncle to take his note for interest and installments as they are it now.

him. The sequel would seem to show that got them; (she was a peculiar woman-a a few lines on the back of it, and putting the bride had said under the breath, "We quiet, cat-like woman; in justice to woman It was just two years from this time that

> Uncle John used that inelegant expression: and he said more than that; he said :young, but she was very selfish and design-

ing. She courted John so assiduously and yet so delicately; and he-he had nothing and the fair-skinned, golden-haired woman. he felt sure, loved him. She was poor, too; together they might make a home. She had always been obliged to work; of course parted gentlemen, and above them, by way she would be willing to work with and for he was.

> Poor John! "But he deserves his fate," you say. What, when his failing was his perfect faith in womanhood?

It was Uncle John's faith too. Once a hospitable. clear-eved sunny-browed little girl had called him "Dear John." but ere he had ever pressed a husband's kiss upon the June lips, the angels called her. In those early days he thought all women were like his lost darlearth, to show all womankind what they changed, and now both parties desire to West, though seeming a lonely man, so had pushed him to far.

strong. For the reason that young John's wife had worked hard and lived economically all her young life, was to her sufficient reason, now that she was the wife of the favorite nephew of a rich bachelor Uncle, that she should "live like other folks," meaning by this, like people of wealth; never realizing that happines is of the heart,-never stoping to think that a large share of the gains from the farm must be returned to it in one shape or another, and that farm life means to most a home, and its comforts and pleas-

that of any artist is given American farmers' their advantage and profited accordingly. wives and daughters to do; to show to the world what a home may be a place where work and culture shall dwell together. The more or less such matter being inadver- house was very pleasant, and loving hands thought, perhaps, you would want to take from fires made on the outside, and the might, with simple means, have made of it a it back." beautiful picture. John proposed to furthan at other offices, in proportion to the nish only the kitchen, dining-room (which own that farm while I live. That was my the while. Even the furniture in the room they would use for a sitting-room) and their own room opening from it; but Mrs. John ished (on the Benson farm they would have to furnish; it has been proven many times going?" that only a well-balanced mind can bear prosperity). But John was firm.

"Wait, Celia," he said, "until we get furnish one of the chambers.

"What will it cost?" John asked.

"About a hundred dollars." "Well," said John slowly, with a cloud upon his brow, and a pain which he would give no breathing space oppressed him; but the pain, put into words, would have been no reply: he had never uttered a word

"Does this woman truly love me?" John owned a good span of horses and a made husband and wife disscussed the rangements, and then petitioned for a horse the fourth day she made her appearance at and carriage for her own use.

"It is impossible, dear, for me to buy them this year ; only be patient and help John?" asked Uncle John, aburptly, after me along, and in a few years we will be his morning salutation. able to have almost anything we please. It will be impossible not to make money off stopping place. Oh, dear! what did he from this farm, with good management," want to go away, for ?" beginning to sob.

"I know it, and so I think we might want to talk with you. I feel as badly as have things as we go along; it will all come

right in the end." Celia answered. For the sake of your opinion of John's said, feebly. manhood, I am sorry to say that the horse "He was obliged to go; and you have and carriage were bought, with a new harness not silver-mounted.

first. John came to his uncle to pay the interest; he could pay but part of the installment. "I am ashamed, uncle," he said frankly, "but I can't raise another cent." "Well, no matter; you may be able to

pay it with your next year's payment." But ginning. There are few nobler young men "Oh, won't that be grand !" exclaimed Uncle John could not help thinking that than my nephew. John West." (which they seldom used) and the horse and carriage, would have more than paid the There was a fine Durham cow belonging

Be the times good or bad, I shall her until fall; but he had not the face to do You see, he had a little of the old John in velvet cloak and expensive furs-and she

sess; her price was a hundred dollars. If

he could have made his payment, he would

kind, I will say there are but few like her.) The second year John could pay nothing but the interest and the half payment due the year before. It was a week after that "Such a woman as that deserves no better Uncle John, leaning over the fence where the young John was beginning the spring The truth was Mrs. John was not very plowing, he said : "Your farm needs more length,

> "I know it; but I cannot buy it this I am willing." year: another year I must make some

"Very well, John; if you cannot, I advise you to sell out by all means," said Uncle John, quietly, as he walked away. And young John said he had a headache when his wife noticed, at dinner, how grave

The summer passed. Celia had had so many of her friends staying with her, that she told John she must have help in the house; so help was obtained. John was

One dull November day, John said:-" believe I must put the farm in market; I can make no headway. What do you say to going West?" Celia turned pale. "Are you in earnest?

"I am, for once, in earnest." And Celia knew by his firmly-set mouth that he was. He had been indulgent to the appearance having in the meantime been sweet self-sacrificing life that made John last degree, and this was the end of it; she

"But I don't want to go West," she fal-

went over to Uncle John's. How few realize that a work greater than at all times to his nephew, who appreciated crete in order to produce a strong cohesion

> Seating himself before the fire, John said: Please don t talk to me, uncle : I am discouraged. I want to sell my farm.

"Certainly; nobody but John West must model farm, John."

"I know it, uncle, and I will disgrace it had set her heart on having the parlor furn- no longer. Do you want any of my stock ?" "I will take everything just as it is. lived in a tenant house, small but comfort- shall be obliged to find some good tenant

"I think of going West this fall, to look

"The sooner the better then, at this seaahead a little; then you shall furnish the son. I will see to your stock; my men are house from top to bottom to suit yourself;" trusty. Celia can stay here while you are and Celia knew that he meant it, for John gone ; go, and find a home in the West, if had not a miserly trait about him. Well, if you can. I will take your farm off from she could not furnish the parlor, she would your hands in the spring; but-," after a pause, "if Celia ever finds her senses come back to the home, you shall never leave; it. will be waiting for you."

John flushed, and started nervously. "Then uncle does understand the true state of affairs," was his thought. He made against his wife; he never would.

A week later John and Celia turned the heavy wagon before he was married; he key in their back door, and went over to bought a yoke of oxen early in the spring Uncle John's. As he bade them welcome, to do the heavy work of his farm during he looked at Celia gravely, and he wanted the summer, proposing to fatten them the to say, "Woman, behold your work!" coming winter, and considered himself well But he writed until John was gone, and equipped for his summer's work. Celia Celia had cried for three days, shutting herwaited until he had completed all his ar- self up in her room. On the morning of the breakfast table.

"When do you expect to hear from

"He said he would write from his first "Celia, stop crying, and listen to me ; I

you can about John's going away." "I thought you wanted him to go," she

sent him. You, by your extravagance, are disheartening him. He has been too good, Two years had passed. At the end of the to you; he needs a loving, helpful wife."

She sobbed piteously; she knew it was true, every word of it; and she respected and feared Uncle John West. "I can be that." she said. "You should have been that from the be-

"I know it," she said, simply. "You ought to know it; you have tried his love and generosity to the utmost."

"Don't, uncle : I can't bear it." John seemed dearer to her now than anything else, he was so far away. "I have never talked so plainly to you before, and I never shall again," said Uncle

John : "but for John's sake, do try and make a true woman of yourself." Three days later John's first letter came nesota, and thought of buying a farm in the vicinity; he would wait, though, until he

received letters from home. "I do not want to go there," said Celia, when she had finished reading their letters. Uncle John made no reply.

"Would you let us take the farm as tenants-the farm we left, I mean-if I will take hold and help John?" she asked at

"I am in earnest. I will do most anything rather than go into that out-of-the-

"If you are in earnest, and John wishes,

"Well, write to John at once, then." Uncle John wrote too, a long letter, and in a week a John was at home again, not as a tenant, but with the pleasant prospect of some time paying for his farm. The horse and carriage were sold and Mrs. John was content to ride in the light

wagon. She sent her furs to the city, and

with their price bought the Durham cow for

Christmas present for her husband; and another spring found them living as they should have begun. John was a trifle graver, for this woman he had made his wife had failed him once, and he feared to trust her utterly; but

Celia had effectually mended her ways. Another year a little one came; they called him John, for the uncle; and if anything will cast out selfishness from a woman's heart, it is mother-love.

The English papers are giving very "We shall be obliged to go there or some- flattering accounts of a new method of where." He rose, took down his cap, and constructing building for all purposes, by the use of wire and concrete. A frame work Uncle John was reading before a bright is made of wood or iron supports, along wood fire in his pleasant library; by the which wires are stretched, to which the conway, he had furnished John and his wife crete is applied. By this arrangement, not with all the reading matter ever since their only are the walls and floors of the building housekeeping began; several agricultural made, but the doors, stairs, banisters, partijournals, and two or three of the best liter- tions and shelving are formed of the same ary monthlies found their way into their material. For doors, windows and door sitting-room before their wrappers were re- casings, as well as for thin partitions, some moved, and Uncle John's library was open fibrons materials are worked into the conand to prevent cracking. Buildings made in this manner are absolutely fire-proof, and are remarkably cheap. A house made in this way was subjected to a very great heat building not only escaped injury of any kind but persons remained in the upper story all was uninjured. Several large blocks and numerous farm buildings are being constructed in the north of England. Houses constructed in this way requires no lathing, lived in a tenant house, small but comfort-able, and there would have been no parlor for the place. Where do you think of cements of different colors buildings may be made highly ornamental. It is quite likely that buildings of this kind will soon be crected in this country.

